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**RESOLUTION 2026-02-12-29**  
**IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSHBUDZ DISPENSARY, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(15), the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) shall adopt rules and regulations, which shall include civil penalties for the failure to comply with regulations adopted pursuant to this section; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.4(a), during an onsite assessment, a review of financial records, or other Commission review of the license holder and its operations, if the Commission identifies a violation of the Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act, P.L.2021, c.16, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31 et seq., (the “Act”) or the implementing Personal-Use Cannabis Rules (the “Personal-Use Regulations”), the Commission shall provide notice of the violation, including an official written report of the findings and the nature of the violation, to the cannabis business or testing laboratory within seven business days following the onsite assessment or other identification of the violation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1(a), every owner, principal, management services contractor, employee, or volunteer of a cannabis business license holder or a testing laboratory that accesses the premises of a cannabis business or handles cannabis on behalf of a license holder or testing laboratory and every cannabis handler pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-44.a shall be required to register with the Commission and be issued a Cannabis Business Identification Card; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1(a), a requesting person that meets the requirements of this subchapter shall be issued a Cannabis Business Identification Card, but shall not begin working at the cannabis business or handling cannabis items at a testing laboratory before the Commission issues a Cannabis Business Identification Card and the card is in the registrant's physical possession; and

**WHEREAS**, RushBudz Dispensary, LLC, failed to adhere to the statute and Personal-Use Regulations as it permitted an employee to commence work prior to being issued a Cannabis Business Identification Card by the Commission and prior to the card being in the employee's physical possession; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2025, a Notice of Violation was issued to RushBudz Dispensary, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, RushBudz Dispensary, LLC provided a corrective action plan in response to the Notice of Violation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.5(a), in response to a violation of any provision of the Act or this chapter, the Commission is authorized to take enforcement action or impose sanctions upon a license holder. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, civil monetary penalties; suspension, revocation, non-renewal, or denial of a license; referral to State or local law enforcement, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6, -20.7, and -20.8; or any combination thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(b), a monetary penalty imposed by the Commission on a license holder pursuant to this subchapter may not exceed \$500,000 per major violation or \$50,000 per any other license violation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(c), a violation by each entity or person per day shall constitute a separate incident for purposes of calculating the number of violations; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(d), the Commission may impose greater penalties for successive violations up to the maximum amounts; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(f), the Commission may, in the Commission's sole discretion, consider additional factors in determining the penalty for each violation. Such factors may include, but are not limited to:

1. Any prior violations that the license holder has admitted to or was found to have engaged in;
2. Good faith measures by the license holder to self-report or prevent the violation;
3. The license holder's record of compliance with the laws and rules pertaining to personal use cannabis;
4. Corrective action(s) taken by the license holder related to the current violation or prior violations;
5. Willfulness and deliberateness of the violation;
6. Likelihood of reoccurrence of the violation; and
7. Violations involving damage or danger to the life, health, welfare, safety, or property of any person; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.7(a), violations shall be categorized as follows:

1. Category I, which is the exhibition of a pattern and practice of violating the requirements of the rules, posing a serious risk of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of consumers or personnel;
2. Category II, which is the failure to comply with administrative requirements, such that the licensee or permittee poses an immediate and serious risk of harm or actual harm to the

- health, safety, or welfare of consumers, personnel, or the general public, including, but not limited to, transfer of cannabis to a person under 21 years of age;
3. Category III, which is the submission of fraudulent, false, or misleading information, as to a material fact, to the Commission, or falsifying or concealing any record required to be maintained by the license holder;
  4. Category IV, which is the failure of any owner, principal, management services contractor, employee, or volunteer of a cannabis business license holder or testing laboratory to register with the Commission and be issued a Cannabis Business Identification Card; or failure to complete training course, or failure to be in physical possession of their Cannabis Business Identification Card while acting in the course of their duties; and
  5. Category V, which shall consist of other violations of the Commission's rules, or violations of valid ordinances established by municipalities that do not constitute a major violation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission that RushBudz Dispensary, LLC violated the statute and Personal-Use Regulations by permitting an employee to commence work prior to being issued a Cannabis Business Identification Card by the Commission and prior to the card being in the employee's physical possession.

The Commission has determined to impose a penalty of **\$1,000.00** against RushBudz Dispensary, LLC pursuant to violations of the applicable statute and regulations. A Notice of Enforcement shall be provided to the license holder in accordance with this Resolution and the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-20.6(i), the license holder may request an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and 52:14F-1 et seq., to contest the Commission's imposition of a civil monetary penalty for any license violation within 14 days of receipt of the Notice of Enforcement Action.

Submitted by:

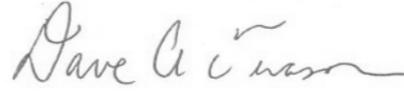


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Dianna Houenou, Chair

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.



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Dave Tuason, Chief Counsel

<b>Vote on the Approval of This Resolution</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recused</b>
Chairwoman Houenou			X				
Vice Chair Nash			X				
Commissioner Mapp	X		X				
Commissioner Laufer		X	X				